

CURRENT LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-40 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1-13, 15-23, 25-32 and 34-40 have been rejected, and claims 14, 24 and 33 have been objected to.

In this response, claims 1, 20, 31 and 40 are currently amended; claims 11-13, 18, 23 and 32 are previously amended; claims 2-10, 15-17, 19, 21-22, 25-30, and 34-39 are original; claims 14, 24 and 33 have been cancelled; and no claims have been added.

This listing of claims 1-40 replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1 (Currently amended). A system for determining a stylus position of a stylus, the system comprising:

a single telemetric imager having an optical imaging array;

a controllable light source positioned near the telemetric imager to illuminate a stylus tip; and

a controller electrically coupled to the telemetric imager;

wherein the controller determines the stylus position based on a ~~generated image of the stylus tip from a first direction and a generated image of the stylus tip from a second direction~~ comparison between a first set of images of the stylus tip from a first direction and a second direction generated with the light source on and a second set of images of the stylus tip from the first and second directions generated with the light source off when the stylus tip is in a stylus entry region.

2 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the stylus comprises one of a pen, a pencil, a pointer, or a marker.

3 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the stylus tip allows writing on a writable medium while the controller determines the stylus position.

4 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the stylus includes a writing-mode imaging target near a writing end of the stylus.

5 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the stylus includes an erasing-mode imaging target near an erasing end of the stylus.

6 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the telemetric imager comprises two optical imaging arrays to generate the image of the stylus tip from the first direction and the image of the stylus tip from the second direction when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

7 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the telemetric imager comprises one optical imaging array to generate the image of the stylus tip from the first direction and the image of the stylus tip from the second direction when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

8 (Original). The system of claim 1, wherein the stylus entry region comprises a writable medium.

9 (Original). The system of claim 8, wherein the writable medium comprises one of a sheet of paper or a pad of paper.

10 (Original). The system of claim 1 further comprising:
a writable medium positionable in the stylus entry region.

11 (Previously amended). The system of claim 1, wherein light emitted from the light source illuminates the stylus tip when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

12 (Previously amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the light source is one of a modulatable light source or an unmodulatable light source.

13 (Previously amended). The system of claim 1, wherein the light source is selected from the group consisting of a light-emitting diode, a laser diode, an infrared

light-emitting diode, an infrared laser, a visible laser, an ultraviolet light-emitting diode, an ultraviolet laser, a light bulb, and a light-emitting device.

14 (Cancelled).

15 (Original). The system of claim 1 further comprising:

an optical filter positioned between the telemetric imager and the stylus tip;

wherein the optical filter preferentially passes light from the stylus tip to the telemetric imager.

16 (Original). The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a communication port connected to the controller to enable communication between the controller and a digital computing device.

17 (Original). The system of claim 16, wherein the communication port is one of a wired port or a wireless port.

18 (Previously amended). The system of claim 1 further comprising:

a housing;
wherein the telemetric imager and the controller are contained in the housing; and

wherein the light source is coupled to the housing.

19 (Original). The system of claim 18 further comprising:

at least one stylus holder formed within the housing;
wherein the stylus holder receives the stylus for stylus storage.

20 (Currently amended). A method of determining a stylus position, the method comprising:

positioning a stylus tip of a stylus in a stylus entry region;

turning on a light source to illuminate the stylus tip;
generating ~~an image~~ a first set of images of the stylus tip from a first direction and from a second direction with a single telemetric imager;
turning off the light source;
generating ~~an image~~ a second set of images of the stylus tip from the first and second directions ~~a second direction~~ with the telemetric imager;
comparing the first set of generated images with the second set of generated images; and
determining the stylus position based on the comparison ~~the generated images from the first direction and the second direction when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region;~~
wherein the ~~stylus tip of the stylus is illuminated by a light source~~ is positioned near the telemetric imager.

21 (Original). The method of claim 20, wherein the image of the stylus tip from the first direction is generated with a first optical imaging array and the image of the stylus tip from the second direction is generated with a second optical imaging array.

22 (Original). The method of claim 20, wherein the image of the stylus tip from the first direction and the image of the stylus tip from the second direction are generated with one optical imaging array.

23 (Previously amended). The method of claim 20 further comprising:
illuminating the stylus tip with the light source when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

24 (Cancelled).

25 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

determining one of a writing mode or an erasing mode when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

26 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

determining a stylus angle of the stylus when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

27 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

determining a stylus rotation of the stylus when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

28 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

writing on a writable medium with the stylus tip when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

29 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

sending the determined stylus position to a digital computing device.

30 (Original). The method of claim 20 further comprising:

interpreting the determined stylus position.

31 (Currently amended). A system for determining a position of a stylus in a stylus entry region, the system comprising:

means for illuminating a stylus tip with a light source when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region;

means for turning on the light source to illuminate the stylus tip;

means for generating ~~an image~~ a first set of images of the stylus tip from a first direction and from a second direction with a single telemetric imager;

means for turning off the light source;

means for ~~generating an image~~ generating a second set of images of the stylus tip from ~~the first and second directions~~ a second direction with the telemetric imager;
means for comparing the first set of generated images with the second set of generated images; and
means for determining the stylus position based on the comparison; the generated images from the first direction and the second direction when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region
wherein the light source is positioned near the telemetric imager.

32 (Previously amended). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for illuminating the stylus tip with the light source when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

33 (Cancelled).

34 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for determining one of a writing mode or an erasing mode when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

35 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for determining a stylus angle of the stylus when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

36 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for determining a stylus rotation of the stylus when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

37 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for writing on a writable medium with the stylus tip when the stylus tip is in the stylus entry region.

38 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for sending the determined stylus position to a digital computing device.

39 (Original). The system of claim 31 further comprising:

means for interpreting the determined stylus position.

40 (Currently amended). A system for determining a stylus position of a stylus, the system comprising:

a single telemetric imager having a single optical imaging array;

a controllable light source positioned near the telemetric imager to illuminate a stylus tip; and

a controller electrically coupled to the telemetric imager;

wherein the controller determines the stylus position based on a ~~generated image of the stylus tip from a first direction and a generated image of the stylus tip from a second direction~~ comparison between a first set of images of the stylus tip from a first direction and a second direction generated with the light source on and a second set of images of the stylus tip from the first and second directions generated with the light source off when the stylus tip is in a stylus entry region, the stylus tip including an end of the stylus and a region proximate the end.